

Discussion Guide: Annual Forum & Vision

Passage: Selected Scriptures

Summary: Each year, we pause to both remember God's provision for our church and to anticipate where God is leading us as a community. As we look ahead, our mission has not changed: we are invited to follow Jesus and help others follow Him. The way we talk about this at Meadowbrook is that God is inviting us to "become more like Jesus together for the sake of the world." Three pillars capture this mission: Formation, Community, and Mission. And these three pillars will be our focus in 2024.

Discussion Questions:

1. Take time to remember God's provision and care for our church in 2024. What are you celebrating that God did in our church in 2024? How did God provide for Meadowbrook and work through Meadowbrook?
2. We believe our gatherings are a key part of our formation this year. How do you think our weekly gathering forms you cumulatively? What value do you place on the weekly Sunday gathering when the rubber hits the road? Try to answer this with curiosity, not condemnation.
3. Leadership is part of our discipleship and formation. As we become more like Jesus, we will find ourselves leading others in the unique ways God has designed us. How do you feel about leadership? How might God be inviting you to step into leading (in our church, your home, your workplace, etc) this year?
4. One of the key ways we will seek to be on mission this year is through "hospitality"...both how we welcome people on Sundays and how we practice ordinary hospitality throughout the week. Rosaria Butterfield calls "radically ordinary hospitality" our "street credibility with our post-Christian neighbors." Does that resonate with you? Reflect on your own practice of hospitality. How might God be inviting you to grow?